

QCWA HOT LINE REPORT

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NEW QCWA CHAPTER FORMED

We are pleased to announce that a new Chapter of QCWA has been Chartered. Chapter Charter #112 was issued February 15, 1979 in response to a petition for Charter submitted by Members to be known as "THE YANKEE CHAPTER." President is Wesley C. Randles, W4COW; Secretary is Leonice R. Woodward, W1ZEN. More information will appear in the Spring Newsletter. Our congratulations to those who have worked to bring the Chapter into being!

QCWA ROSTER AND MEMBERSHIP LISTS CHECKED

Headquarters has completed its Annual check of membership card files and Membership roster lists. In the course of entering dues renewals, new members and so forth, some cards get lost, or mis-filed, and some information does not get into the computer. A complete and full cross-check of 8,300 cards and Roster entries is made each spring. The work is now complete. In the process we noted that a fairly large number of members dues have lapsed as of December 31, 1978. Many have renewed, but too many have either forgotten or simply were not aware of dues expiration. We are preparing a mailing to be sent to each member whose dues are due... and ask that Chapter officials please advise members to check to see what their standing in QCWA is at present. There is no penalty for renewal, and if dues are paid before April 1, 1979, membership in QCWA is be shown as continuous!

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS BEING ASKED TO BALLOT BY MAIL

A mail ballot has been sent to all Officers and Directors requesting their decision on increasing the Scholarship fund to \$750 for 1979, and other matters which need to be acted upon before the September National meeting at Chicago.

1979 QCWA ROSTER

The 1979 QCWA Roster is in the process of being put together at this time. It is expected that it will be printed and mailed in the early spring. Members names will be included up to the time of printing, in so far as is possible.

QCWA LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAM

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO QCWA INAUGURATED THE LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER PROGRAM. RESPONSE HAS BEEN FAIRLY GOOD: WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE USEFULNESS OF THE SERVICE AND ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS TAKE PART IN IT. IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE SERVICE BETTER WE HAVE ARRANGED TO SUPPLY EACH MEMBER, AT THE PROPER TIME, WITH AN FCC BC-610 FORM TOGETHER WITH A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO SEND THE COMPLETED RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE FCC. THE CHANGE IN PROCEDURE REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOUR NOTICE IN AN ENVELOPE.

IN THE FUTURE WE REQUEST THAT YOU SEND US A 3 x 5 CARD WITH YOUR NAME, CALL, LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. NOTHING ELSE IS REQUIRED. IF YOU DESIRE TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION ON FILE, YOU MAY ALSO INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED POSTCARD. WE WILL STAMP IT AND RETURN IT TO YOU IN CONFIRMATION THAT YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION IS ON FILE READY TO BE ACTED UPON.

MISS-SENT MAIL

WE HAVE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 1% OF THE WINTER NEWSLETTERS RETURNED TO US BECAUSE THEY WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO DELIVER. THE POSTMAN TRIED, IN SOME CASES THREE TIMES, AND WHEN THEY FINALLY GIVE UP THE NEWSLETTERS ARE RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS, AT FORTY-CENTS EACH! THE SPRING NEWSLETTER WILL LIST THE NAMES AND CALLS OF THOSE WHOSE MAIL HAS BEEN RETURNED. WE WILL NOT SEND ANY FURTHER MAIL TO THEM UNTIL A CORRECTED ADDRESS HAS BEEN RECEIVED. WE REQUEST THAT CHAPTERS CHECK THE LIST AND ASSIST HEADQUARTERS IN MAINTAINING AN ACCURATE MAILING ADDRESS FOR ALL, INSURING EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY AT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE COST.

POSSIBLE DELAY IN DELIVERY OF THE SPRING NEWSLETTER SEEN

IT IS ENTIRELY PROBABLE THAT THE SPRING NEWSLETTER WILL BE A LITTLE LATE GETTING INTO THE MAIL THIS YEAR. THE DELAY BEING DUE TO THE NECESSITY OF INCLUDING INFORMATION ON ALL CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD, AND AS OFFICERS OF QCWA. THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN ANTICIPATED, AND WE WANT TO BE ENTIRELY CERTAIN THAT EVERY CANDIDATE IS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HIS VOICE HEARD IN THE NEWS.

DISCOUNTING OF DUES FROM MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE U.S.

From time to time we receive remittances from members living in Canada and other countries. In most cases the personal checks are discounted by our bank in the amount of \$1.75 to as much as \$3.00. It is often 30 to 45 days before we know of the discounting, and the amount lost requires that we write the member requesting addition money. We urge that all members living outside the U. S. to please use postal money orders or other method of transferring funds in US money. You may of course include sufficient funds to anticipate the discount. If you overpay we will refund the money to you. Your help is appreciated.

1979 QCWA CONVENTION COMMITTEE NEWS

THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE HAS SENT A LETTER TO EACH CHAPTER OR EAGER-BEAVER REQUESTING THEIR BEST ESTIMATE OF POSSIBLE ATTENDEES FROM THEIR AREA. TO DATE TWO CHAPTERS, CENTRAL OHIO AND PALMETTO HAVE ANSWERED. THE COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE A WORD FROM AS MANY CHAPTERS AS POSSIBLE...THERE IS NO OBLIGATION, BUT FOR PLANNING, YOUR COMMENTS WOULD HELP. OVER 50 MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE QCWA NATIONAL 1979 CONVENTION...THIS EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS BEING HELD OVER UNTIL MARCH 1, NAMES OF ALL EARLY-BIRDS WILL APPEAR IN THE SPRING QCWA NEWS. WHY NOT GET IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION RIGHT NOW? SEND TO PHIL HALLER, W9HPG, 6000 South Tripp Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629.

QCWA PINS

The basic cost of QCWA Pins has now risen so that we must increase the price to members. The Standard pin now \$3.50 will go to \$4.00 and the 50/60 year Pins from \$4.50 to \$5.00. We regret the increase, but the manufacturer has just notified us of increases which make it necessary.

BALLOTING IN THE 1979 QCWA ELECTIONS

It is planned that ballots will be sent directly to each eligible QCWA member for the 1979 elections. The ballots will be prepared with the thought of making them easy to understand and to mark, and at the same time adapted to make the work of the Tellers Committee more pleasant. We are at this time expecting to prepare the ballots so that a return address is imprinted on them, making it only necessary to mark, fold and stamp the ballot before placing it in the mailbox. Ballots will be sent only to eligible members. Each ballot will have coded marks so that they can not be duplicated easily and which will permit the Tellers to identify them. A second sheet will accompany the ballot which will have material submitted by each candidate to assist members in their decisions.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

MEMBERS WHOSE DUES EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 1978 AND WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED MEMBERSHIP BY APRIL 1, 1979, WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO VOTE!

CERTIFICATE COSTS

It might interest Members to know the approximate cost for getting a Golden Certificate into members hands. Each of the following steps must occur with costs estimated:

Certificate application form \$0.02, stamped envelope \$0.18, Certificate \$0.35, mailing tube \$0.38, mailing label \$0.02, postage \$0.41. \$1.36...labor, preparing the certificate, validating it, and writing of letters -15 minutes or \$1.00 minimum. A total approximate cost of \$2.36...and other charges enter in too...it's hard to believe, but it's so!

SOME TIME AGO I REQUESTED ALL CHAPTERS WHO COULD POSSIBLY MANAGE TO DONATE \$50 FOR THE ARRL "OPERATION GOODWILL." SEVERAL CHAPTERS HAVE DONE THIS...THE LATEST IS ONE OF OUR NEWEST, BATON ROUGE CHAPTER HAS SENT THE FULL \$50. IF YOUR CHAPTER IS A SMALL ONE WITH LIMITED ASSETS, ANYTHING AT ALL WILL BE APPRECIATED. SEND ALL DONATIONS TO HEADQUARTERS...FUNDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ARRL IN A CEREMONY WITH ONE OF THE QCWA OFFICERS!

I UNDERSTAND THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS JUST ABOUT COMPLETED ITS WORK. MEMBERS WILL, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAVE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES FOR EACH OFFICE! CONGRATULATIONS TO ED WEBB AND HIS COMMITTEE!

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